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1. The formation of the National Union for Work and Reconstruction, a new Rumanian political party under Soviet sponsorship, has as its purpose the winning over of the politically moderate "center" elements of the population. Constantin Argetoianu, head of the new Party, was sponsored by the Soviet Minister I.S. Kavtaradze after approval for the establishment of the Party had been given by the Central Committee of the Communist Party at its plenary session of 9 January 1947.
2. Trustworthy but little-known members of the Rumanian Communist Party will be registered in the new Party, as well as a few "cell chiefs" of the National Popular Party who have until now organized the communist elements of that Party. Some members of the Plowmen's Front, Communist Legionnaires led by Alexandru Constant and P. P. Panaitescu, and police agents under the leadership of Gheorghe Faun of the National Peasant Party, will also be registered in the Party.
3. Argetoianu recently met with Petre Muscale, leader of the small tradesmen and manufacturers and former member of the National Peasant Party. Muscale and his followers were chosen to form the National Union for Work and Reconstruction.
4. Emil Odagescu and Emil Protopopescu-Pasche also joined the new Party. One of the most important members to join is Eugen Fiteanu, a former Minister of Propaganda. This former attorney has been allotted funds (said to be 20 billion lei from I. A. Bahtin, General Director of the Banca de Credit Roman) and protection for the publication of a daily newspaper. He is said to be a Soviet agent, and will bring with him other agents undercover.

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